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OF THE

BAPTIST PHILANTHROPIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY,

Holden at Cashie Meeting-House, Friday before the second Sunday in March, 1806.

1. THE Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder Richard Poindexter, according to appointment, from 2d. chapter Luke 10th verse.

2. The Board was formed by the Directors present, viz. Elders Martin Ross, John M'Cabe, Aaron Spivey, William Brame, Richard Poindexter, William Dossey, and Brethren Bennet Barrow, George Outlaw, and Needham Whitfield.—Prayer by Elder M'Cabe.

3. Elder John M'Cabe was chosen Moderator, and Brother George Outlaw, Clerk.

4. Elders Richard Poindexter, Spivey and Dossey, are appointed a committee to frame a constitution for the government of the Board.

5. Elder Jordan Martin and Brother B. Barrow, appointed to receive the subscriptions, to ascertain the amount subscribed and report on the morrow. —Adjourned till to morrow half past 9 o'clock.

6. Met according to adjournment—and proceeded to business. A Letter was received from Elder James Wright expressing his willingness to have been with us.

7. The committee appointed to draw up the constitution for the government of the Board, presented it, and being examined, was received.

8. The committee appointed to frame rules of decorum, presented them, and they were received.

9. The committee of finance made report that the sum total subscribed is 397 dollars,—59 dollars and 22 cents of which were paid in cash.

10. On motion, Bennett Barrow, Secretary—George Outlaw, Treasurer.—Elders Aaron Spivey and Martin Ross, were appointed the corresponding committee, and Needham Whitfield, President.

11. On motion, the President and Secretary were called on to enter upon the duties of their office, which they did accordingly.

12. On motion, Brother Joshua Skinner, John M'Donald, Elders Casey, Joseph Biggs, John Wall, Jordan Martin, William Creth, Eleazer Clay, Benjamin Watkins, Abraham Baker, William Hawthen, Z. W. Baker, Thomas Ross, Nathan Gilbert, and Brethren Thomas Guion, Carr Bowers, Nathan Mayo, James Ward, Joseph Thames, William Cox, Joseph Saunders, William Cooper, Elders Micajah Thomas. James M'Cabe and Lewis Whi field, and John Koonce were nominated Directors.

13. The Brethren nominated are invited to our next meeting, and such of them as attend and make known their willingness to act, shall be considered Directors—Elders John Wall, Jordan

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Martin, and Brother Thomas Guion, being present, accepted of their appointments and took their seats with us.

14. On motion, the holders of subscription papers are particularly requested to use their endeavours to obtain collections and make returns to our next meeting, both of the sums subscribed and received.

15. On motion, Elder Poindexter and the Secretary are appointed to have the minutes printed and distributed with a suitable address—say 500 copies of the minutes and 250 subscription papers.

16. The Treasurer came forward and entered into a bond for 5000, with approved security.

17. On motion, the Treasurer to pay 10 dollars for the printing of our last minutes and subscription papers, and be allowed the same in settlement.

18. On motion, Elders Martin Ross and William Dossey to preach on the morrow.

19. On motion, the next meeting of the Board, to be at Parker's Meeting House near Murfreesborough on the Friday before the third Sunday in November next....Elder William Brown to preach the Introductory Sermon and in case of failure, John M'Cabe.

Adjourned to the time and place mentioned.

NEED. WHITFIELD, *President.*
B. BARROW, *Secretary.*

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CONSTITUTION

OF THE

BAPTIST PHILANTHROPIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY,

First established in Convention, at Cashie, Bertie county, North-Carolina.. .formed of Delegates from the Kehukee, Virginia Portsmouth and Neuse Associations,

JUNE 14, 1805.

Article 1. This society shall be formed of the following 15 Directors, which number may be enlarged whenever a majority of them may deem it necessary, viz. Elders Aaron Spivey, Martin Ross, John M'Cabe, William Brown, Richard Poindexter, William Brame, William Dossey, Peter Lugg, James Wright, Robert T. Daniel, Francis Oliver, brother George Outlaw, Bennet Barrow, Richard P. Clements, and Needham Whitfield, a majority of whom shall be a quorum, to transact whatever business may come before them.

2. Those directors shall have power to appoint their officers, and to do every thing they can to forward the business, in every respect as to them may appear necessary to facilitate the promulgation of the Gospel among the Indian tribes.

3. In case of vacancies happening by death, resignation or absence, it shall be the duty of the Board to appoint others to fill the vacancy.

4. If any member of the Board shall be absent three meetings in succession without making a

sufficient excuse to the Board, it shall be deemed a resignation of his office.

5. The Directors shall have power to appoint a President, Secretary, committee of correspondence, and Treasurer, who may continue in office during the pleasure of the Board.

6. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the board; and also when circumstances shall make it necessary, by and with the consent of the Secretary and committee to call any meeting of the Board, other than that to which they may have adjourned.

7. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a correct record of all the proceedings of the Board.

8. It shall be the duty of the committee to open and maintain a correspondence with all characters to whom they may be directed by the Board, or to them appear necessary.

9. It shall be the duty of this committee to enquire after and recommend to the Board any missionary candidate.

10. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all the money which shall be contributed for the support of this institution, to make remittances from time to time, as he shall be directed, and exhibit an accurate account of the same, together with the state of the fund, to each meeting of the Directors.

11. The Treasurer before entering on his office shall give bond with approved security, to the president in behalf of the Directors, to be responsible

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to them for the money to him committed, which shall be secured, and by them applied to the benefit of this institution.

12. All appropriations of money shall be made by the Board of Directors.

13. Neither alterations nor amendments, shall be made to this constitution, but by the concurrence of two thirds of the members present.

14. Propositions for alterations and amendments shall appear in our Minutes, at least one meeting before they are decided on.

FELLOW-CITIZENS,

We the Directors of the Baptist Missonary Society having heretofore addressed you on the subject of propagating the gospel among the Indians, beg leave to make a few remarks to you once more on that subject. We presume from the small progress we have made in the business, that you are partly, if not fully, in possession of our intentions, and wish now more particularly to inform you, that from the general approbation the thing meets with, both in a religious and civil point of view, that on deliberation there can be but few who will not be willing to contribute their mite towards effecting so desirable an end ....with these remarks we submit to your consideration, hoping at the same time that the Almighty will govern you in giving, and ourselves in conducting, the business ....so as to bring glory to himself, and happiness to us, in seeing many of our red brethren brought to the knowledge of the truth, as it is in Jesus Christ.